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Dr. Gyorgy Lukács,
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Dear Sir,

You may be familiar with the nature and reputation of the reference work Twentieth Century Authors, published by the Wilson Company in 1942. Together with its 1955 supplement, the book is firmly established and internationally recognised as the most complete and authoritative in its field. Ten years have passed since the supplement appeared, and we are now preparing a companion volume, to be called Midcentury Authors. To my pleasure, you have been selected for inclusion in the new work.

It seems probable that Midcentury Authors, like its predecessors, will be widely used by researchers, and that material from it will tend to appear and re-appear in books, newspapers and magazines. Accuracy is therefore of extraordinary importance, and for this reason we would much rather have an autobiographical article written by you than a piece composed from secondary sources. This, indeed, is the method which seemed to work best in Twentieth Century Authors, both from the authors' point of view and the users'.

May we therefore ask you to send us an autobiographical sketch of about 750 words, together with a list of your published books, a short list of writings about you and your work, and a photograph clear enough for reproduction? Perhaps you will also be good enough to indicate the correct pronunciation of your name. Some specimen entries from the earlier volumes are enclosed to illustrate the kind of material we would like to have in Midcentury Authors. If you would care to examine the original volumes themselves, you will find them in most public libraries.

The writers who will be included in Midcentury Authors have been selected on the basis of an impartial evaluation of critical opinion. No author can buy admission to the work, and inclusion in it involves no kind of obligation on your part.

A return envelope is enclosed. Midcentury Authors is now in preparation, and we shall look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Dr. Lukács,

I am delighted to have your admirable sketch. Thank
you very much for it and for the photograph.

Yours sincerely,



John Wakeman
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